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TO: Ambassador Inderfurth
FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey *fb*
SUBJECT: Rwanda: Meetings with Riza and SC informals,
Thursday, May 12, 2:30 and 3:30 pm

As you are aware, Washington has not yet refined its thinking about a humanitarian mission in Rwanda. After speaking with IO/PHO, IO/UNP and JCS, here are some questions you might want to pose to Iqbal Riza. The answers may help the USG come to a formal decision.

QUESTIONS:

-- We are exploring where the protected zones might be located. In your view, where are these zones most needed? How many people are in these areas? How many protected zones should there be? We are preliminarily thinking of the areas of Cyangugu and Butare in the southwest.

-- How close are our ideas to the Force Commander's? Is he considering fixed zones?

-- As you know, we are reluctant to see UN forces flown into Kigali airport. Are there any other airports in the region, either inside or outside Rwanda, which could be used (e.g. Entebbe)?

-- Has either the UN or the OAU secretariat approached the governments of Burundi and Zaire to see if they would allow UN troops and support to move through their territory to get to border regions of Rwanda?

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-- Does Gen. Dallaire have any plans to protect the 14,000 displaced in Kigali? Could UN troops be moved overland from the protected zone up to Kigali, and then escort the displaced as they march back down to the protected zones, or up into the RPF-held areas? (We understand it is about 3 days march from Kigali to Butare.)

-- If the RPF controls parts of Kigali, why has it not been possible to move these displaced persons behind the RPF lines?

-- Which countries would provide troops? What equipment will they bring? What countries would provide logistics support?

-- Are you thinking of asking South Africa, which has mechanized forces and helicopters, to participate? If so, in a combat or a support capacity?

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We do not have any cleared instructions yet on the draft text. ECOSOC had a few suggestions, which they sent to you in a separate memo. We have no problems with the ECOSOC amendments, if they can get past the Chinese.

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